



# Episcopal Church of the Trinity

323 East Lincoln Highway  
Coatesville, PA 19320

Community Service Notes: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016



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*"Celebrating 150 Years of Faith in Coatesville"*

## What's Cookin' in Coatesville

The "What's Cookin' in Coatesville" program is a free healthy meal, served at the Church on the first Monday of every month, and is open to the Coatesville community. All work is done by volunteers. These meals are attended by an average of 45-50 people each month. The Community Meal will be taking a "summer vacation" during July and August. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, it returns with a new emphasis: serving single parents. The Community Meal will continue: everyone will be served as usual. We are adding a nursery service to watch over the small children, giving their parents a break to socialize with other parents, and perhaps get some advice on their life issues.

## Coatesville Community Garden

Now in its sixth year of operation, the Garden continues to provide a source of fresh produce for Coatesville residents. Trinity maintains two raised beds in the Garden. From them, we have a large amount of produce that we delivered to the Coatesville Food Coop and the Salvation Army. Lettuce, kale, collards, Swiss chard, cabbage, mustard greens, and assorted peppers have been harvested so far this year. This is just the harvest from our two beds; many other organizations and families also have beds in the Garden and are enjoying fresh produce during the growing season.

## Veterans' Brunch

On the last Sunday of each month, our dedicated volunteers provide food, time and money to serve up a varied and plentiful buffet to our local veterans, including many from the Coatesville VA Hospital. This meal is provided free to the veterans. Average attendance is 60 veterans per month.

## Lunch for Good Works Volunteers

On Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, Trinity members gathered to put together lunches for three work crews working on

houses in Coatesville (as well as lunches for the homeowners and their families). We delivered these, complete with cold drinks, to the work sites.

## Free Food Distribution

On the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of each month, our friends from Towerville Christian Church use our social hall to distribute food to Coatesville residents. Each family receives a box with enough food to feed a family for four to five days; seventy-five boxes are given out each week. This food is provided free of charge by a Christian food bank in Ephrata. Our social hall was chosen as the distribution point because of our central location in downtown Coatesville

## Narcotics Anonymous

Trinity is pleased to host the weekly meetings of the Coatesville chapter of Narcotics Anonymous (NA). NA meets in our social hall on Saturday mornings. This program has been meeting at Trinity for over fifteen years now, and has provided their healing ministry to many Coatesville residents.

## Collection for Coatesville Shelters

In May and June, we collected and delivered household items for the men's and women's shelters in Coatesville. The picture gives an idea of what was collected: paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent and other cleaning aids, trash bags, disposable plates and eating utensils, etc.





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## Fete en Blanc

That's "picnic in white", in English. It's a celebration of the start of summer! This event is held in over 70 cities and towns around the world. Trinity held our first Fete en Blanc on June 18, with food and music in our church yard. A good time was had by all, and money was raised for the Chester County Food Bank. Based on feedback, we expect more people will join in next year, and we hope it grows into a city-wide party where we come together and enjoy a good time!



## St. Cyril's Day with Concordia Choral Arts

We were thrilled to host a concert of this excellent Chester County choral group for the feast day of our patron saint, Saint Cyril of Alexandria on June 26! Next year will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the merger of St. Cyril's Episcopal Church with Trinity Church; mark your calendars now for the last Sunday in June 2017 for a great feast and great music!



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